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Elin's Soapbox

by Elin Winkler

Well, we're back at home from ConFurence 10 in California, and the whirlwind tour of San Jose, San Francisco and San Diego! The plus side of the trip for me? Getting to visit so many Yaohans and the giant Sanrio store in San Francisco! The minus side? Not realizing there was a Sephora cosmetics emporium in San Francisco, and not having enough time to visit it! (I was also there with a bunch of guys who were more than patient as I perused every single item in the Sanrio store— if we had visited Sephora, I would have been lost for hours and they would have died of boredom.) Visiting San Francisco's Chinatown was also fun, even if we did act like ugly American tourists and eat our fresh pork buns while standing in the street. I'm hoping we can get more time off so we can visit San Francisco again so we can see more sights- and I want a crack at Sephora!

Sadly, taking time off is a difficult task for us, so we have to cram vacation time in whenever we do a convention. Taking a small break from work really helps to recharge the batteries, which of course improves our overall performance! In the last editorial I wrote, I covered the first two conventions of the season that we'd be attending- this time I'll cover the next two.

We'll be in San Diego again on August 12-15, 1999, at the San Diego Convention Center for Comicon International. We'll be set up at our own booth, and will be selling comics, chatting with fans and of course, Pat will be doing portfolio reviews. Just about every comics professional you could ever hope to meet will be in attendance at the convention, including many of our own Radio artists: Will Allison, Michael Vega, Loran Gayton, Dean Hsieh, Terrie Smith, Joe Rosales, and many more! (And those are just the folks we know for sure who will be there-there'll probably be more!) Comicon International is an amazing event and anybody who is a fan of comics should probably go at least once in their life!

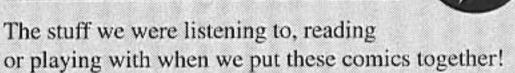
Our next convention will be Mephit Furmeet 3 in Memphis, Tennesse at the Holiday Inn Memphis East. It's on September 3-6, 1999 and we're really looking forward to the con, since we're guests on honor! (Wow!) Joe Rosales is the artist guest of honor and there are no doubt going to be many more funny animal artists and writers in attendance, since Mephit is from all accounts a friendly, relaxed convention. Personally, I'm looking forward to visiting Graceland and viewing the tackiest place in America for myself.

We'll be printing more convention announcements as we solidify the details! Watch this space for further information- and for pictures of the cons we have attended! We'll see you at the cons!

Last month in this column we introduced Mangaphile! If you were snoozing, shame on you! Mangaphile is our brand-new anthology with a heady mix of American manga, interviews with manga creators like Adam Warren and Kenichi Sonoda, and fantastic tutorials and tips from industry pros on creating comics! If you're into manga at all, you're going to love this mag! I'm personally penning two of the my most requested tutorials -- 1) How to color covers and comics in Photoshop and 2) How to use computers to zip-a-tone comic pages. Even if you don't draw a lick, this is going to make some fasinating reading!

But let's not forget the main attraction -- the comics! We've got some of the best American Manga creators lined up! In the first issue, Will Allison lands a quick one-two punch with his boxing manga called "The Loser"! Then, Dean Hsieh kicks off his eerie psychological thriller called "The Server"! Then, as if that weren't enough, we tempt fate with Adam Warren, asking him the questions you wouldn't dare in a can't-miss interview! But we're not just publishing industry pros! This is your mag! We here at Radio know there are tons of fans out there drawing their little hearts out but have no way to break into the industry! Personally, I feel publishing companies have been neglecting this niche, and the industry is weaker for it. Manga is becoming a huge force in the American comics market. Mangaphile is your forum to contribute!

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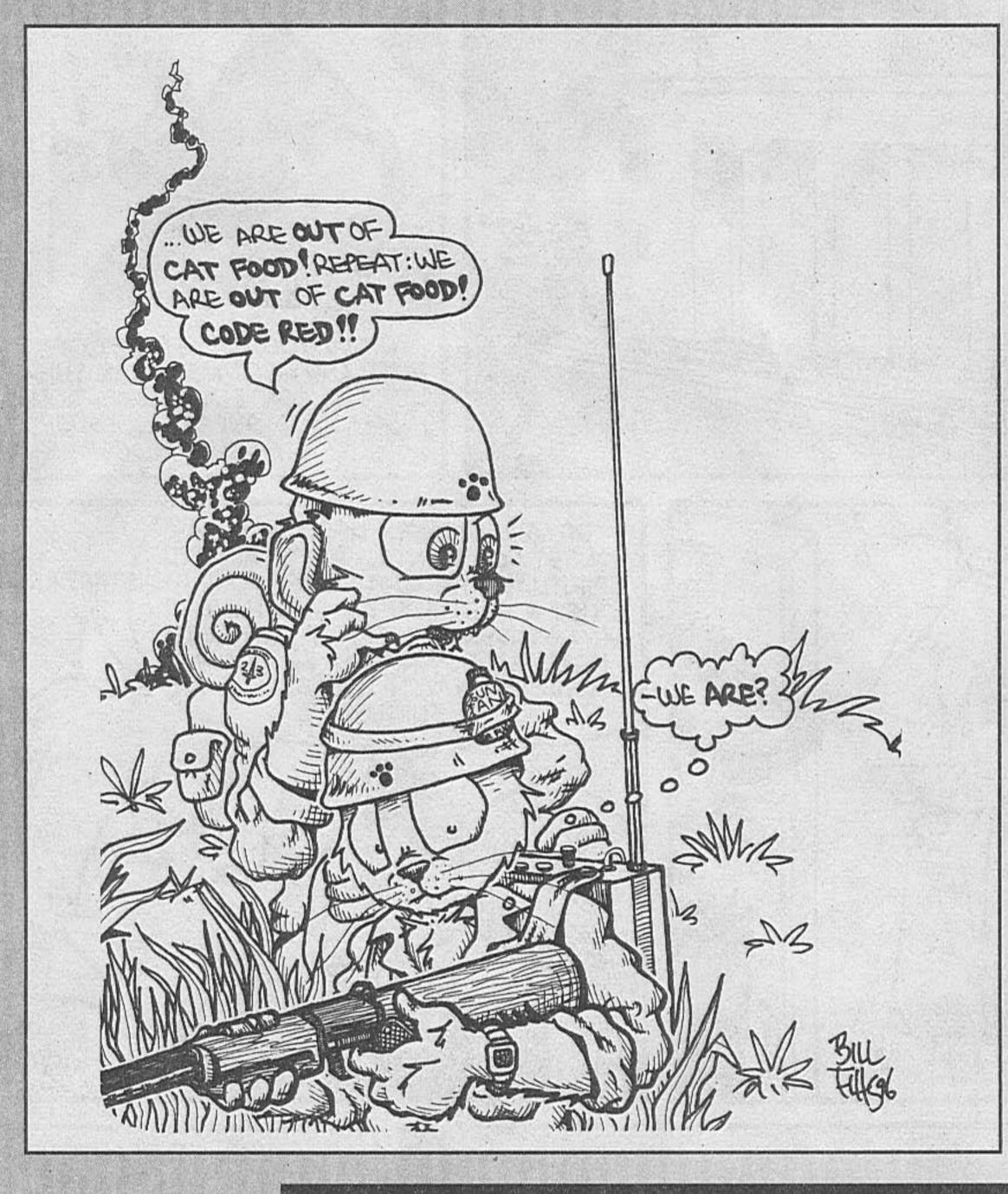
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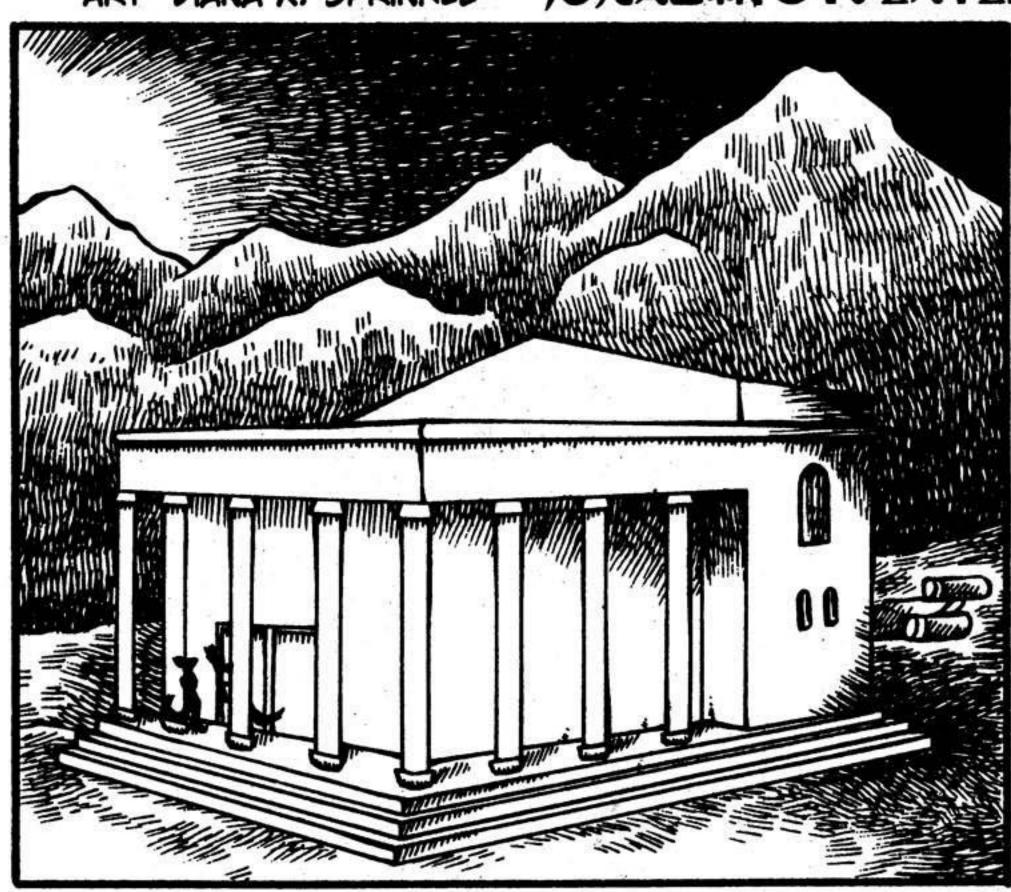
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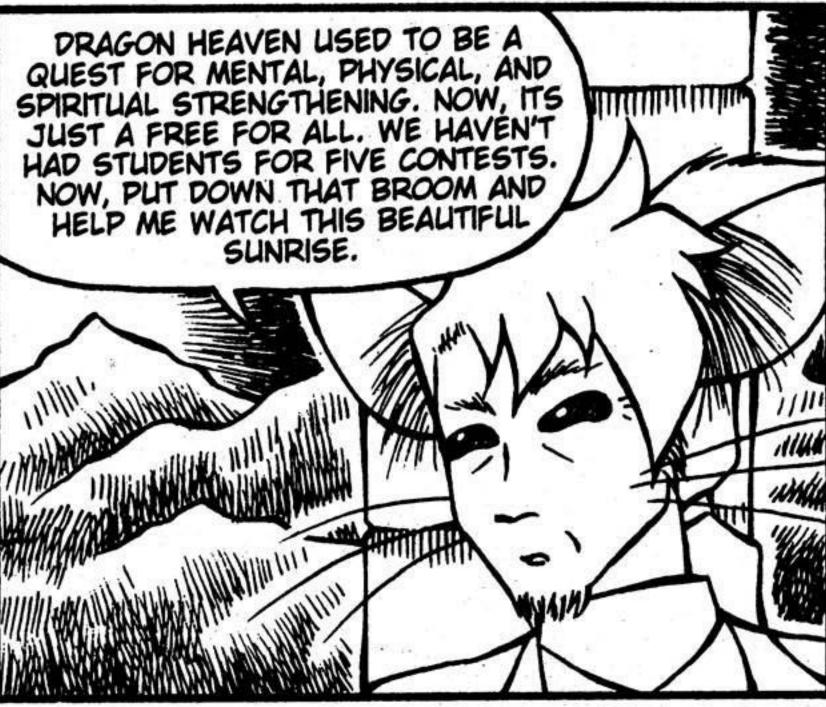
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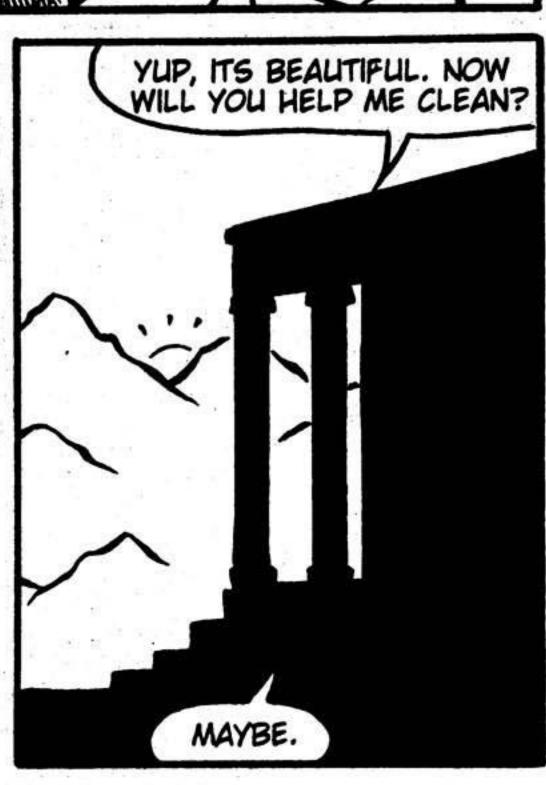


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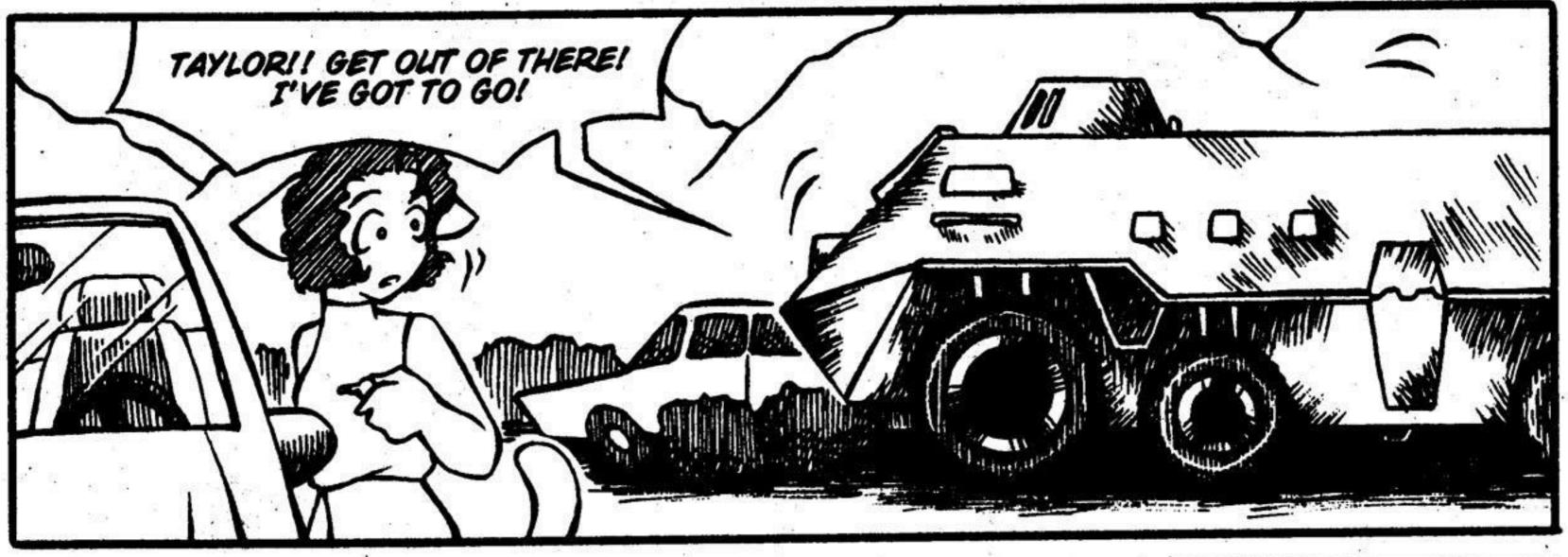














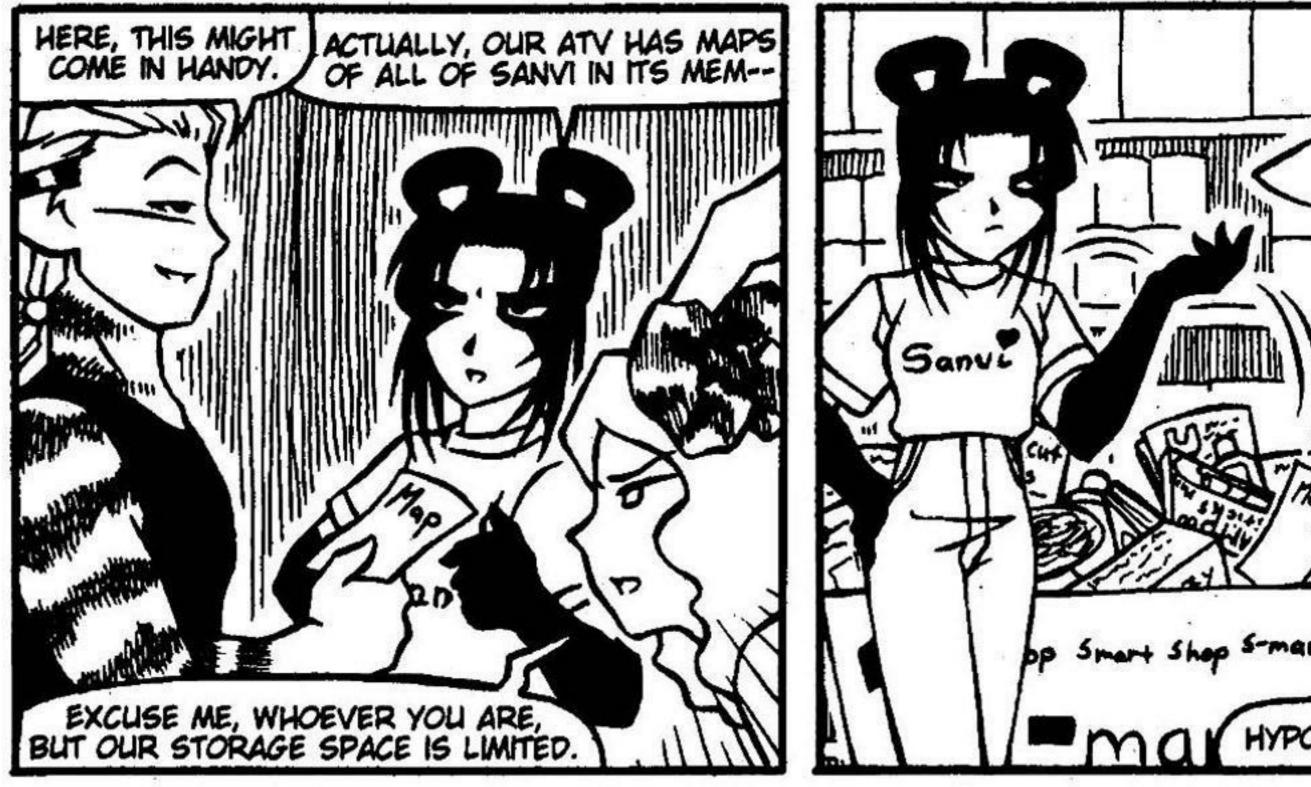






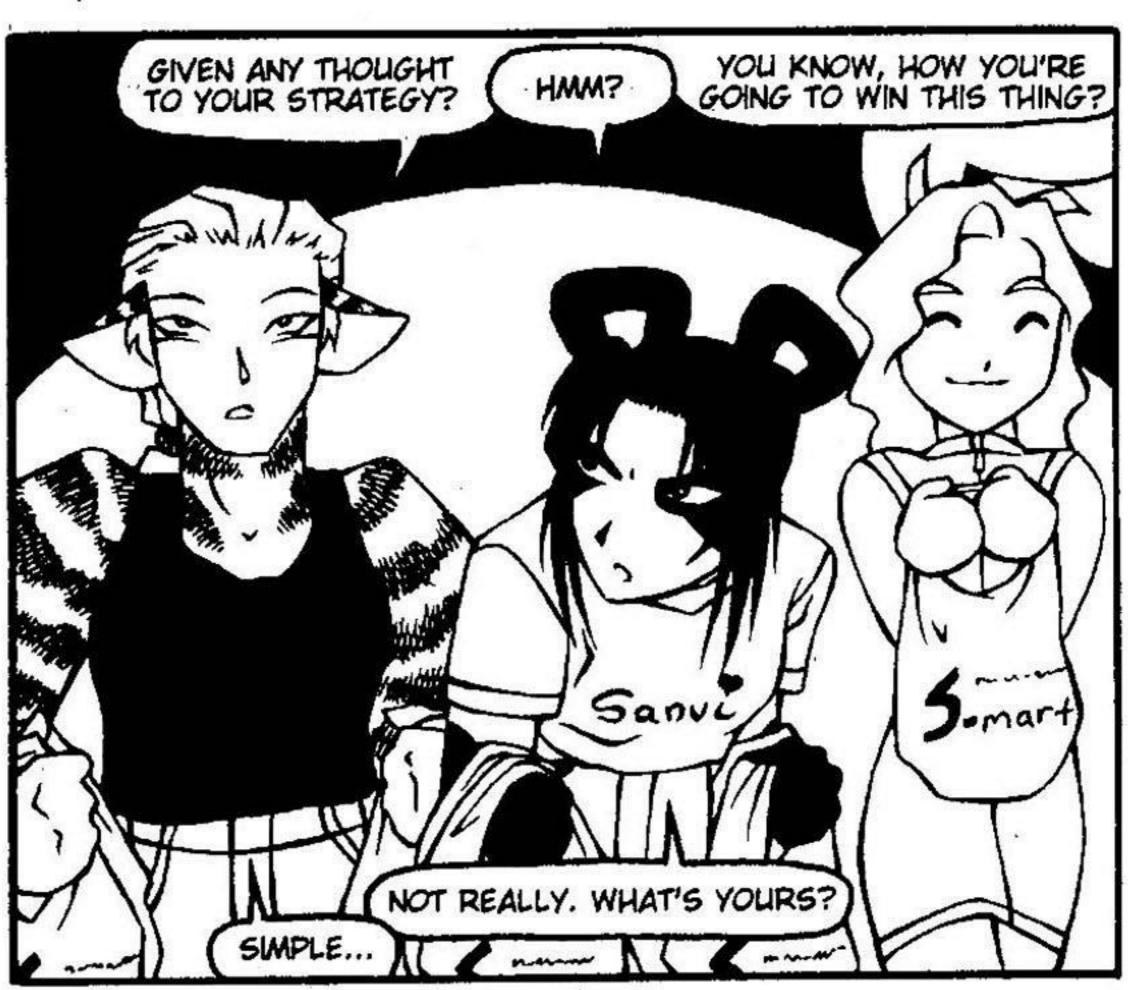




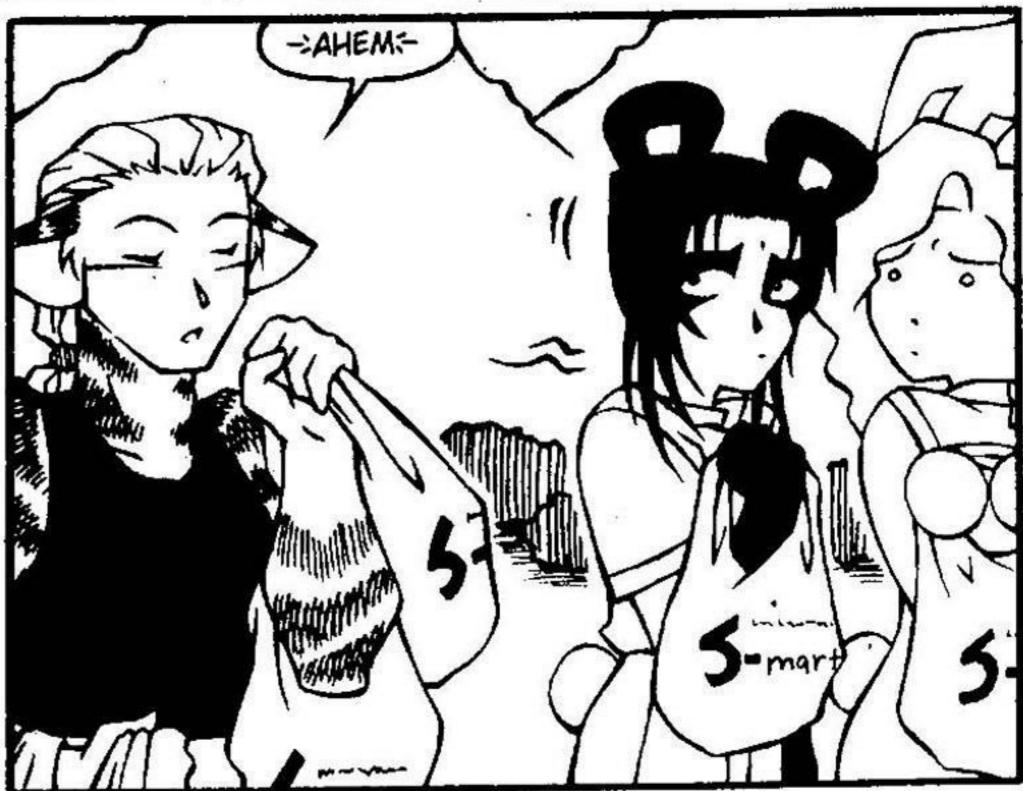










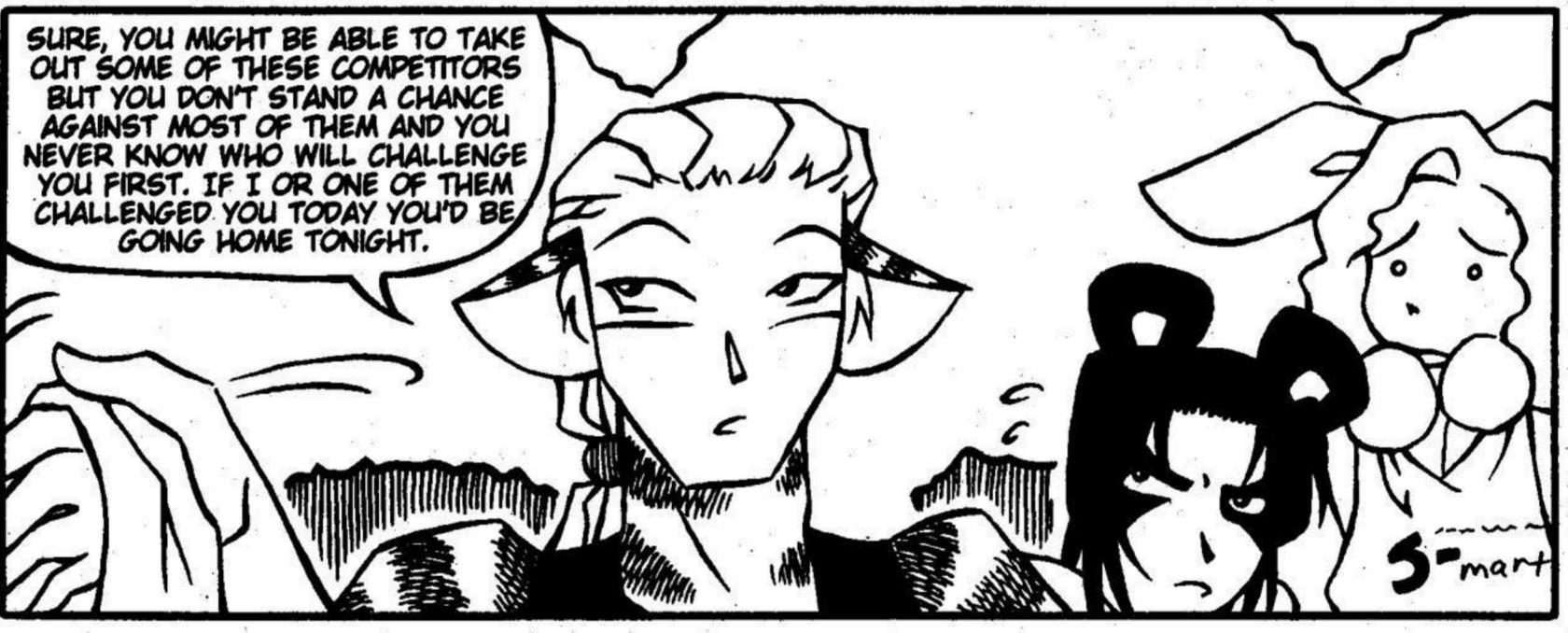










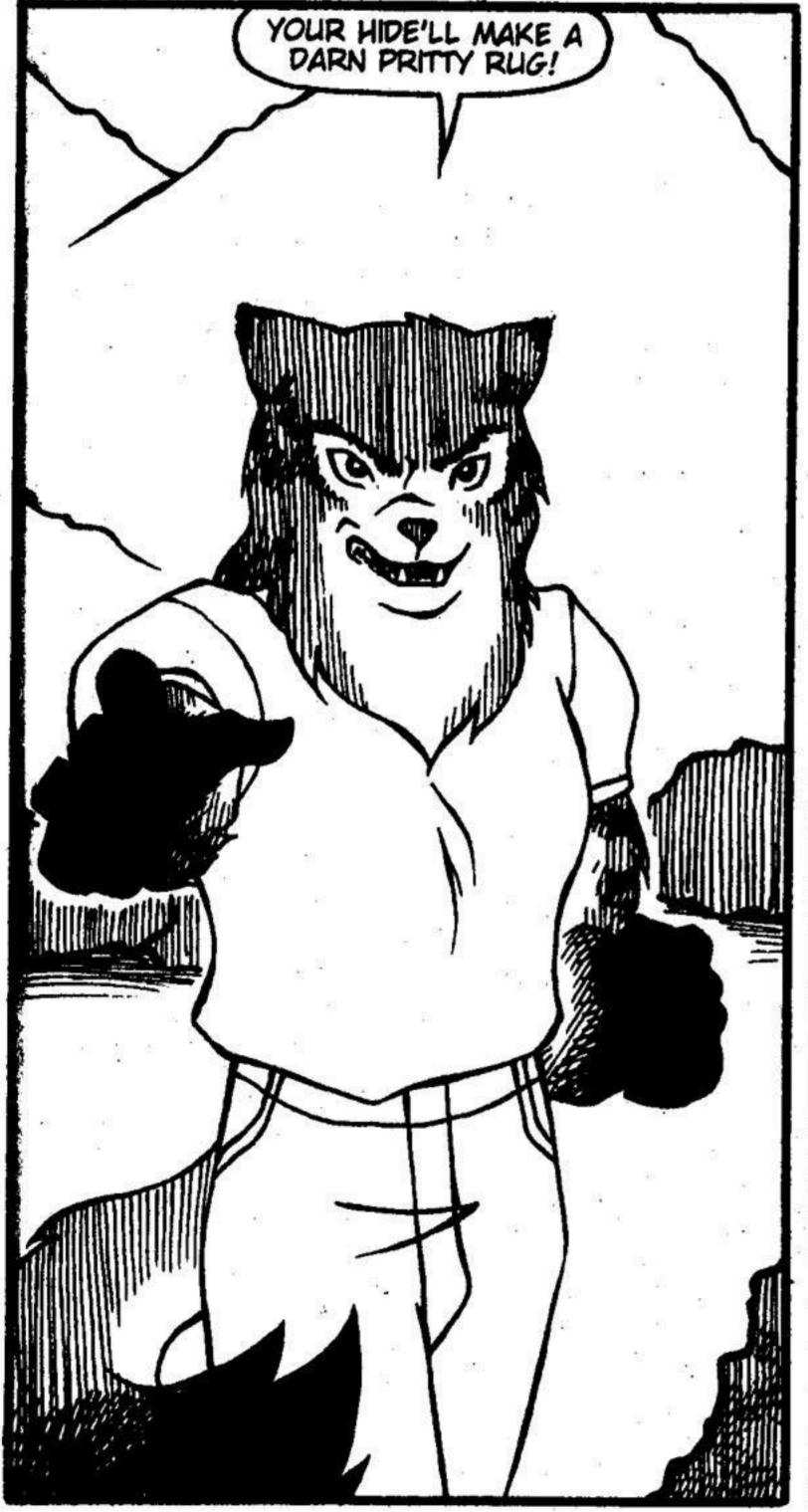








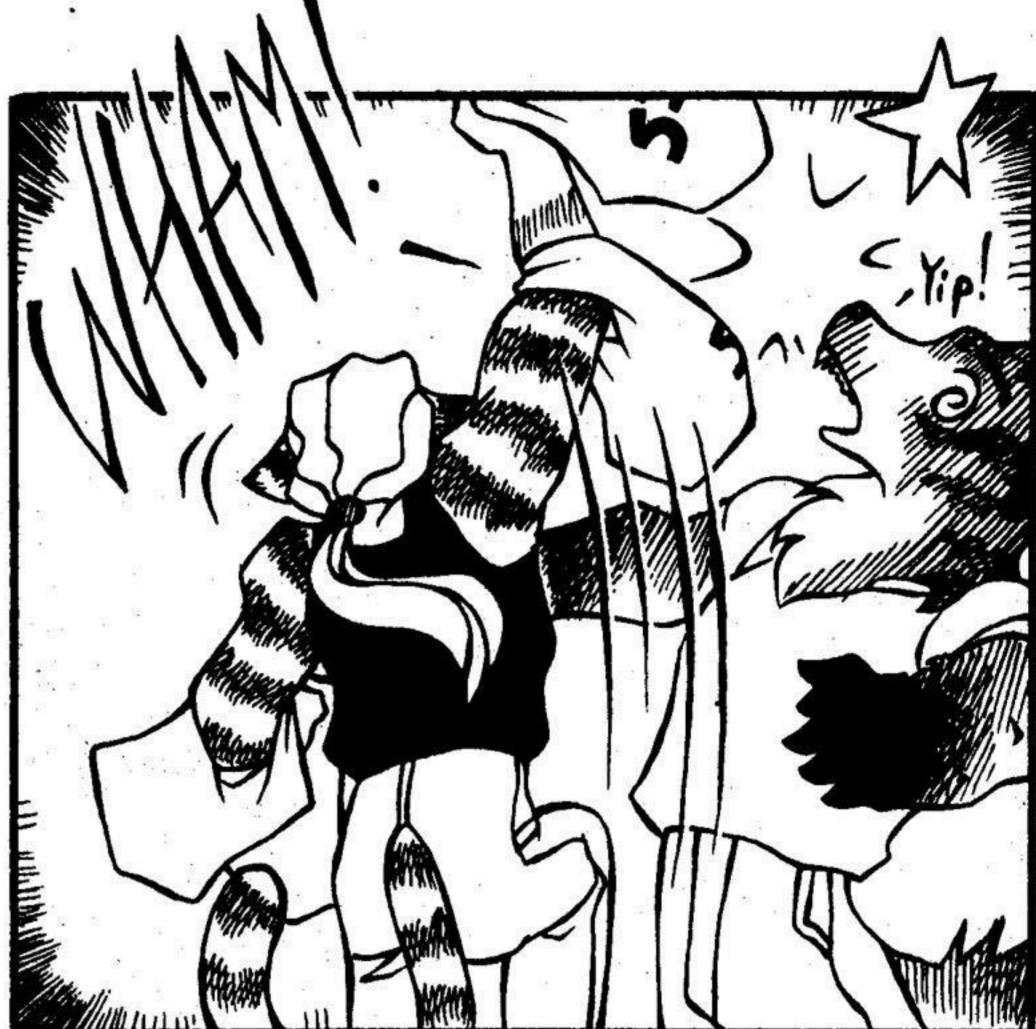






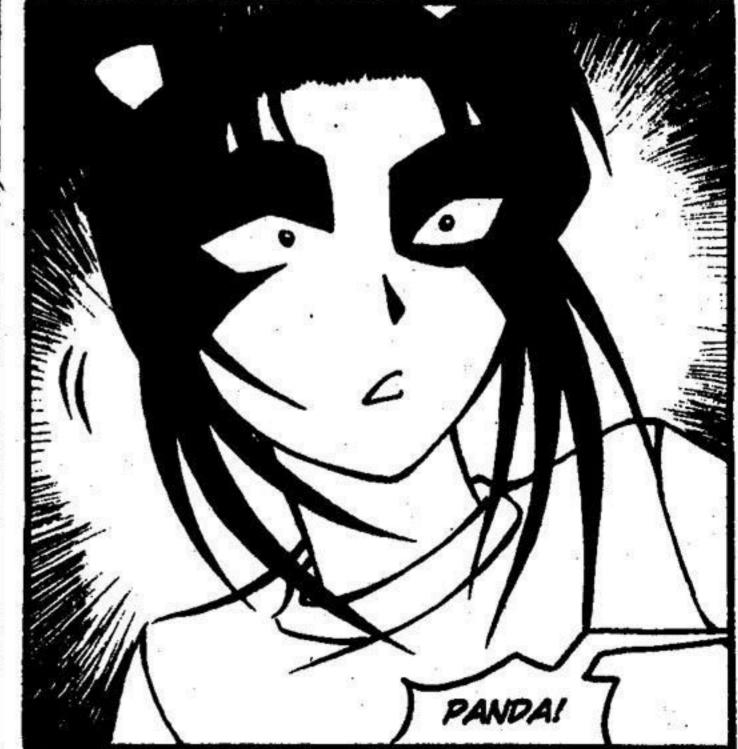
















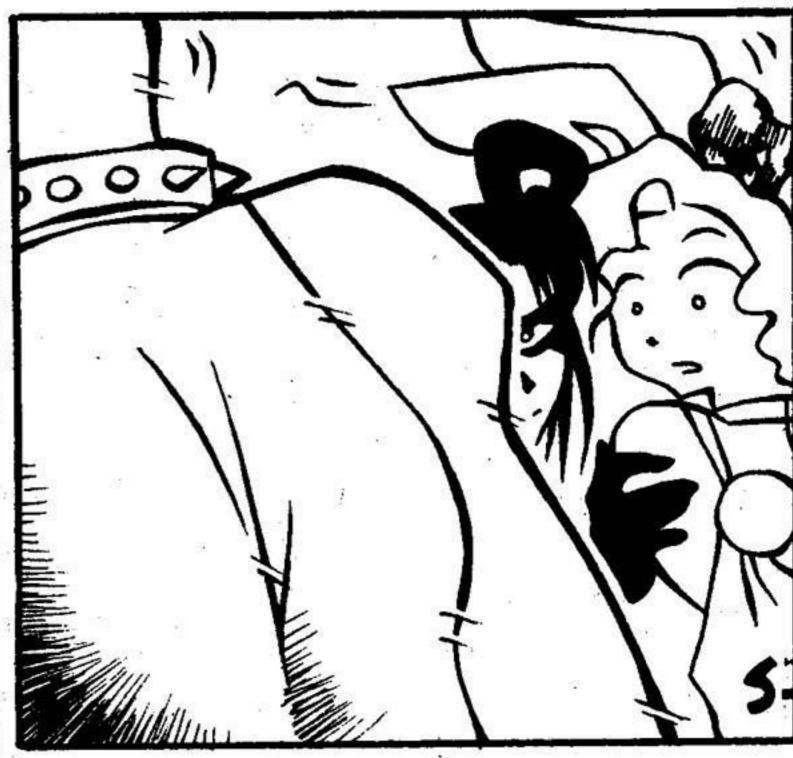




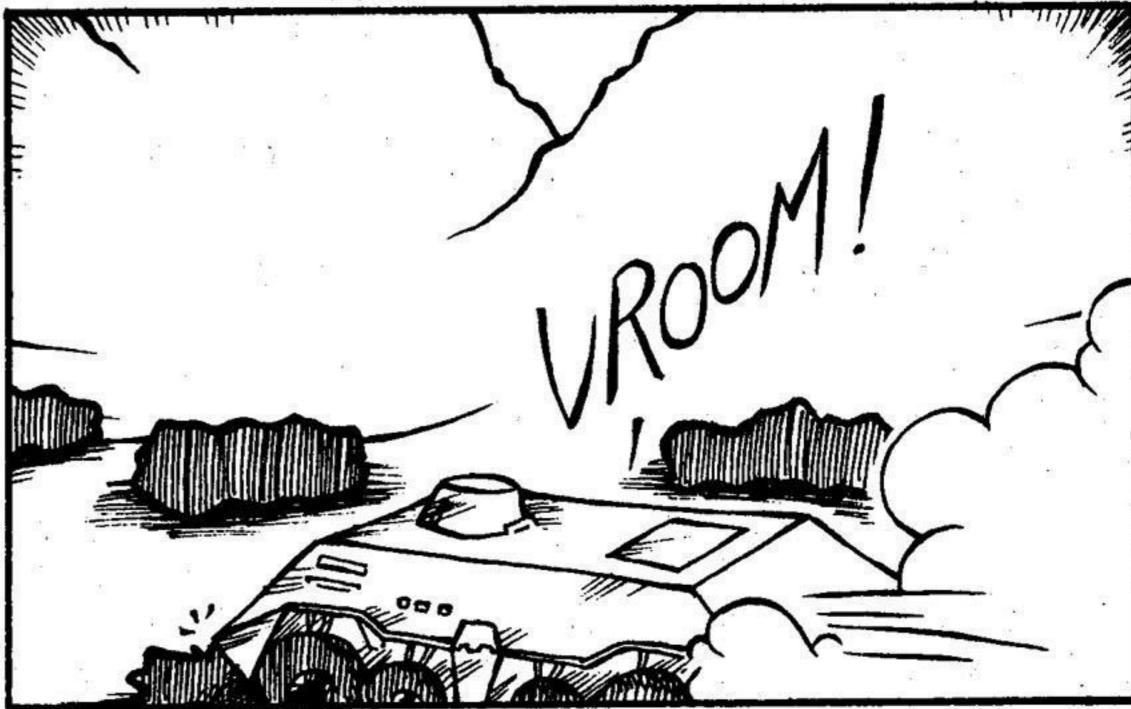


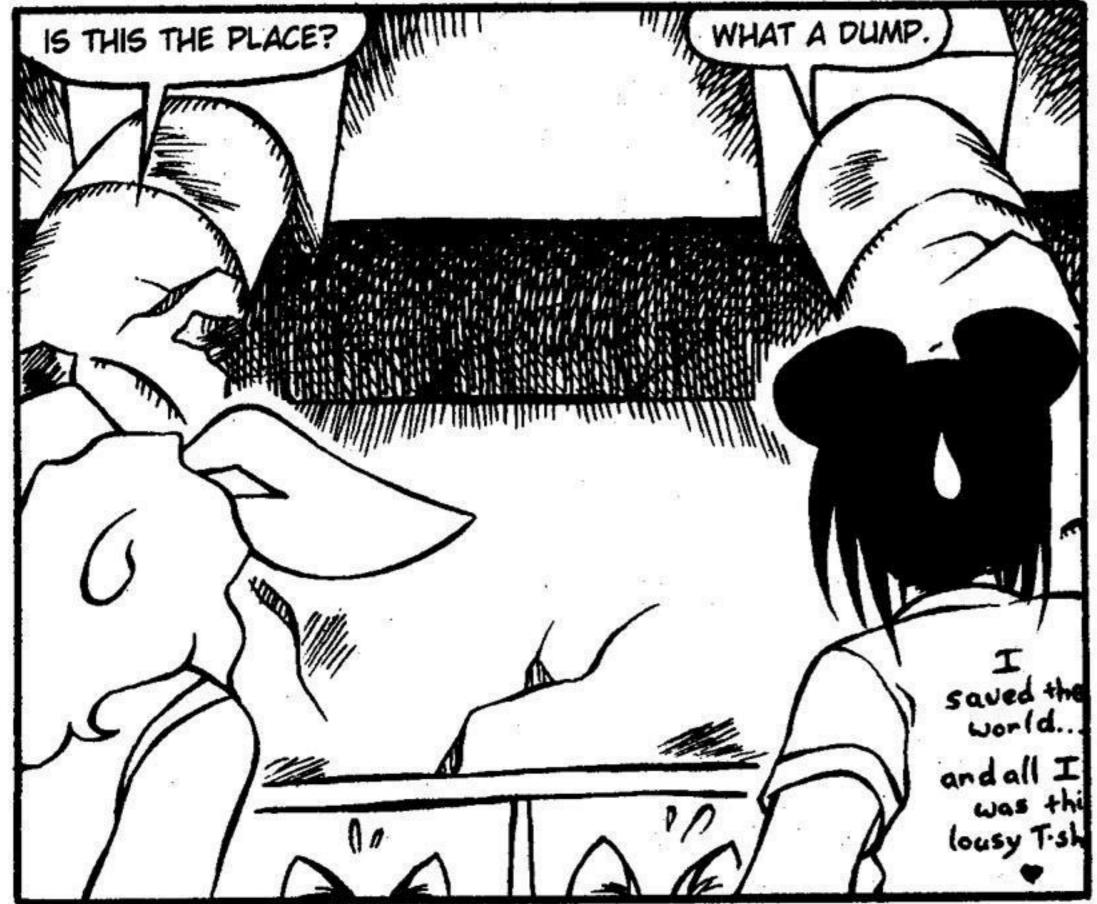






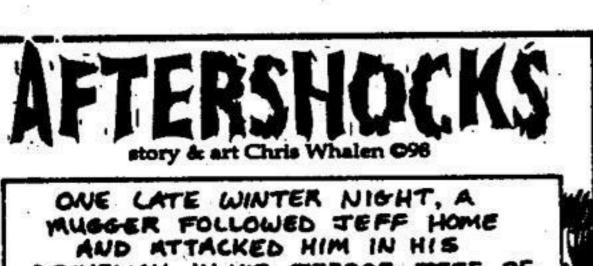






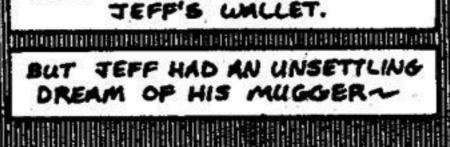


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DRIVEWAY. IN HIS TERROR, JEFF BE-LIEVED HE WAS FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE.

GET AWAY



THE POLICE APPREHENDED

TIME LATER HIDING IN A

THE CRIMINAL A SHORT

CORNFIELD, PLACING HIM BEHIND BARS AND RETURNING



I'M OKAY-IT WAS JUST A BAD DREAM. I'M SORRY.

HONEY! WHAT'S wrong?

A WEEK LATER, HE DREAMT AGAIN OF THE CAT. THIS TIME THE MUGGER STOOD OFF TO THE SIDE Z AND FURTHER AWAY IN THE ROOM, BUT STILL OMINOUS.

IN THE THIRD DREAM, THE MUGGER APPEARED AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROOM, SMALL AND NO LONGER THREATENING. THIS WAS THE LAST DREAM JEFF HAD OF HIM.

ON HER WAY TO VISIT A FRIEND, MARY EXITED ONTO A RAMP AND WAS FORCED TO A STOP BEHIND A MINIVAN. AN INATTENTIVE TRUCK DRIVER SLAMMED INTO HER CAR, CRUMBLING IT LIKE TIN FOIL

THE ACCIDENT LEFT MARY WITH SEVERE INJURIES TAKING NEARLY A YEAR TO RECOVER FROM.



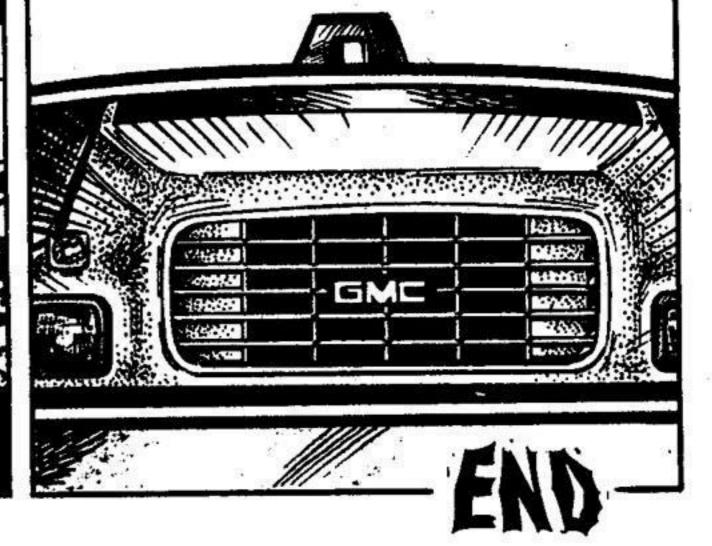
FOR A LONG TIME AFTERWARDS THE COULD NOT DRIVE CAR, BECAUSE EVERY TIME SHE STEPPED INTO A CAR~



AND CAUGHT THE REARVIEW MIRROR IN THE CORNER OF HER EYE~

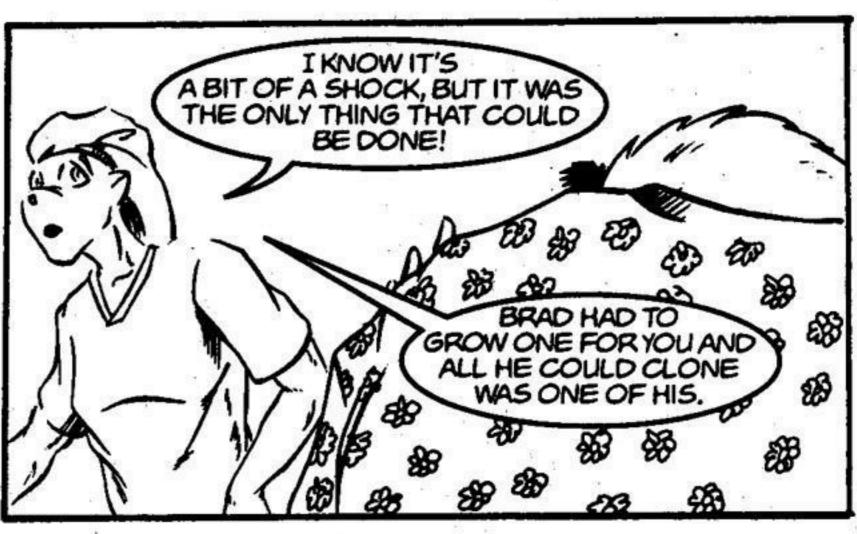


SHE SAW THE TRUCK, BARRELLING DOWN BEHIND HER~

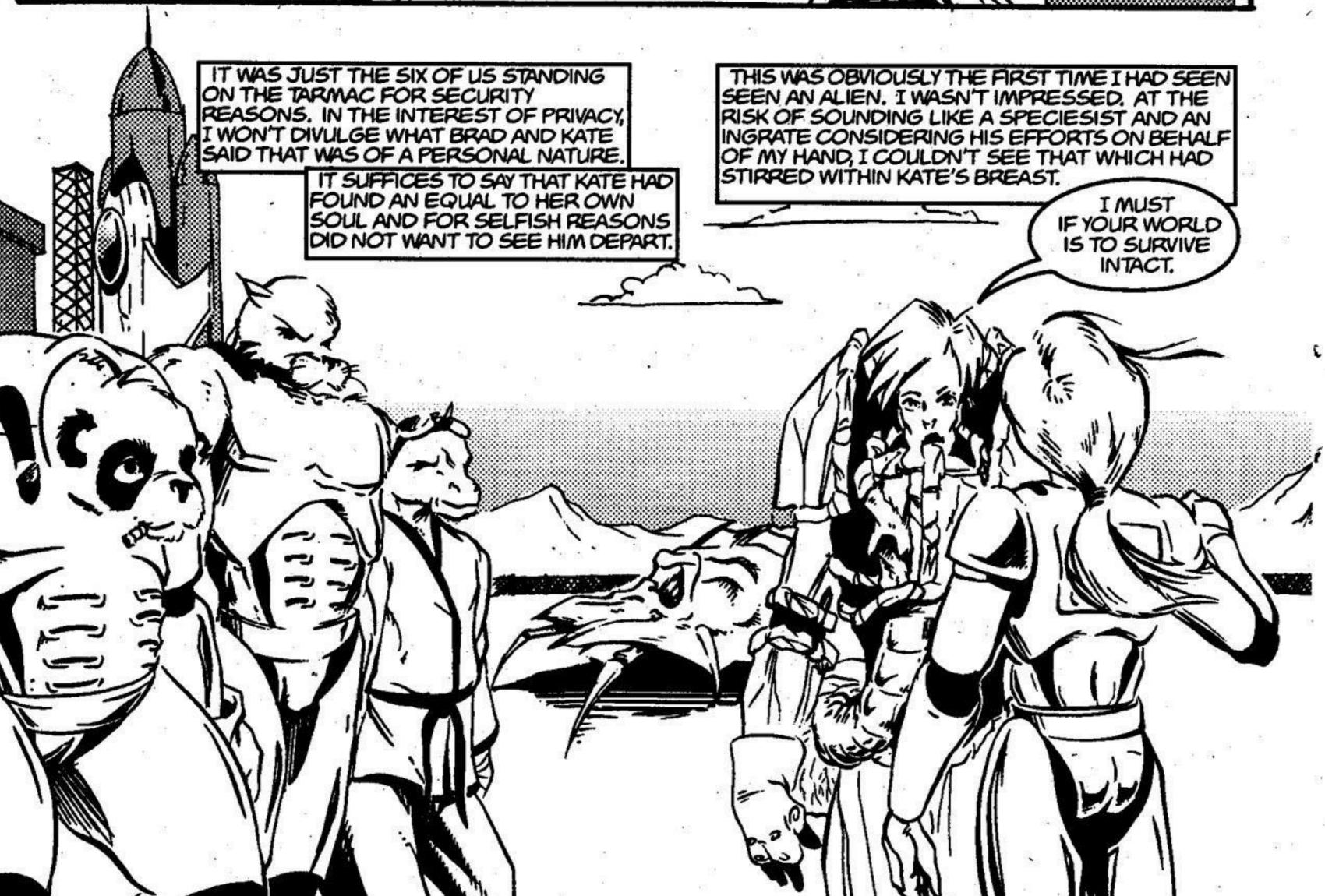


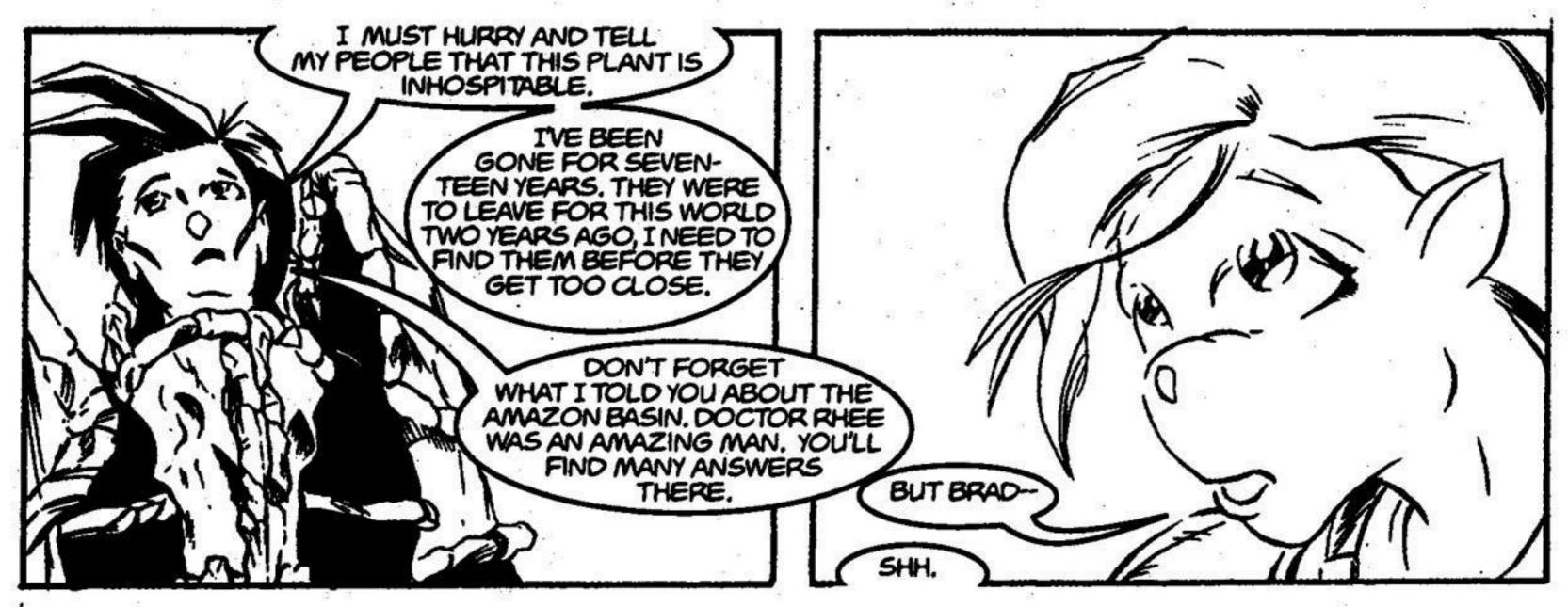






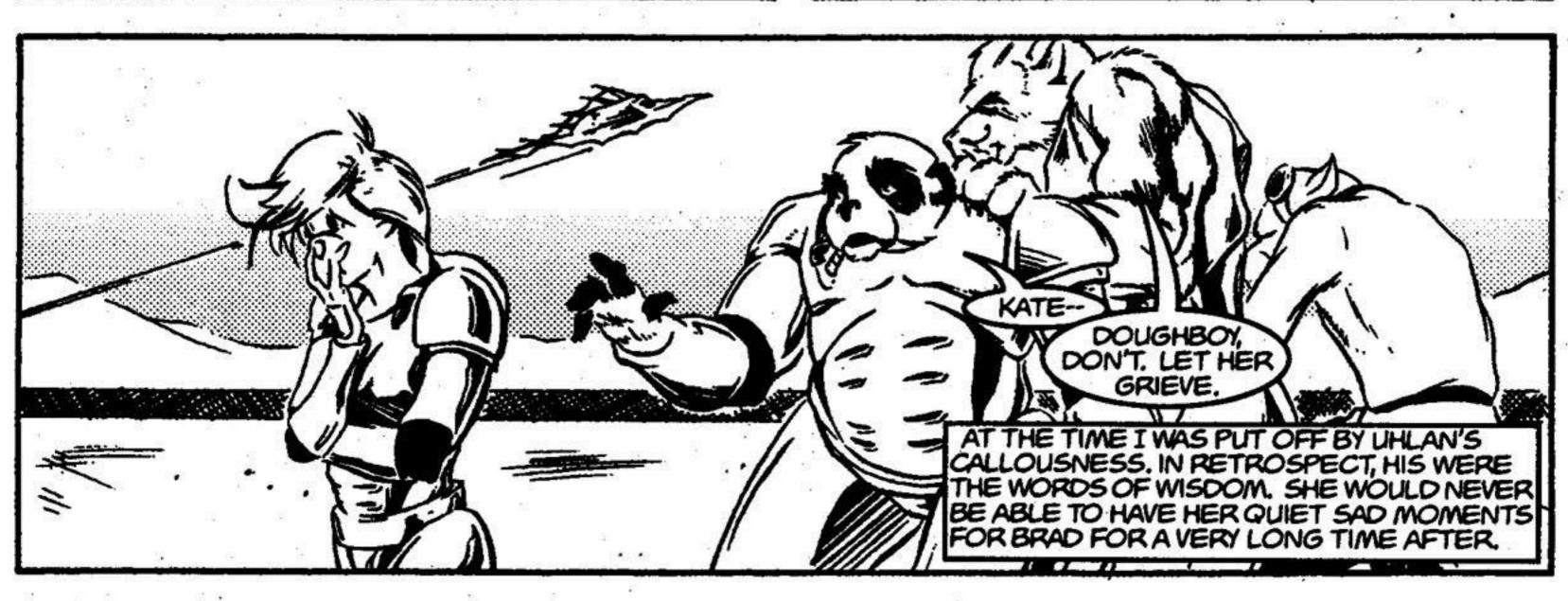








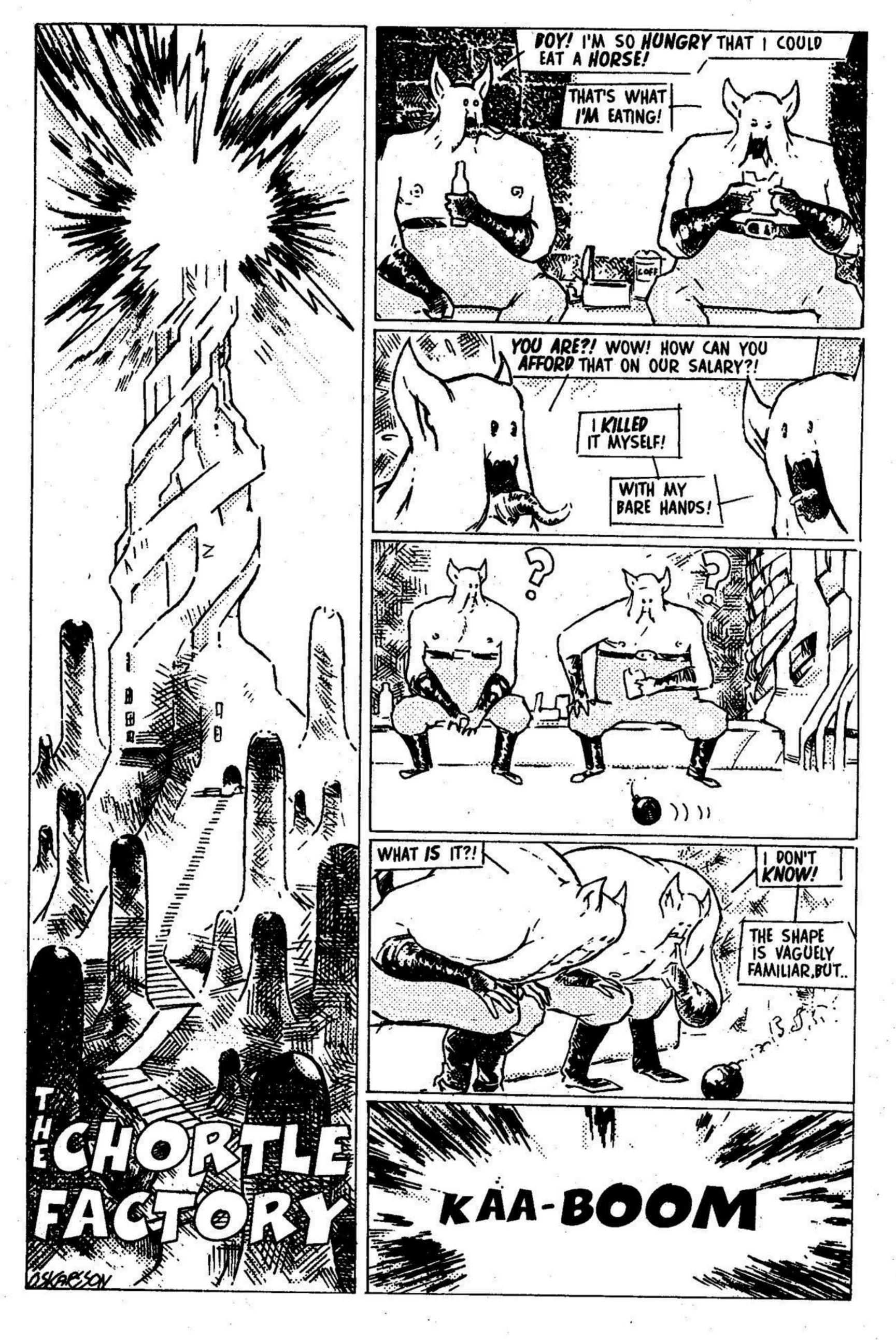






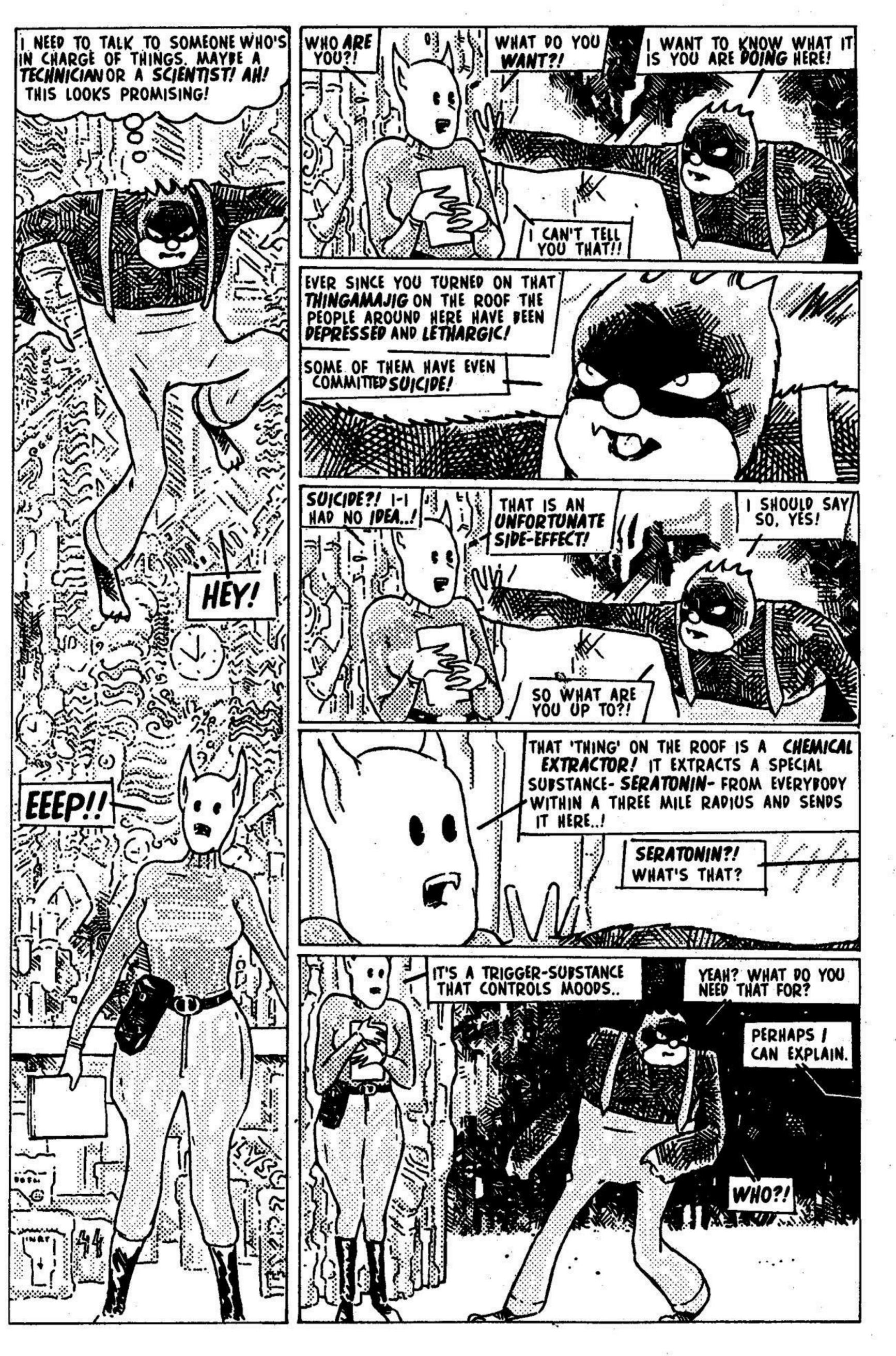




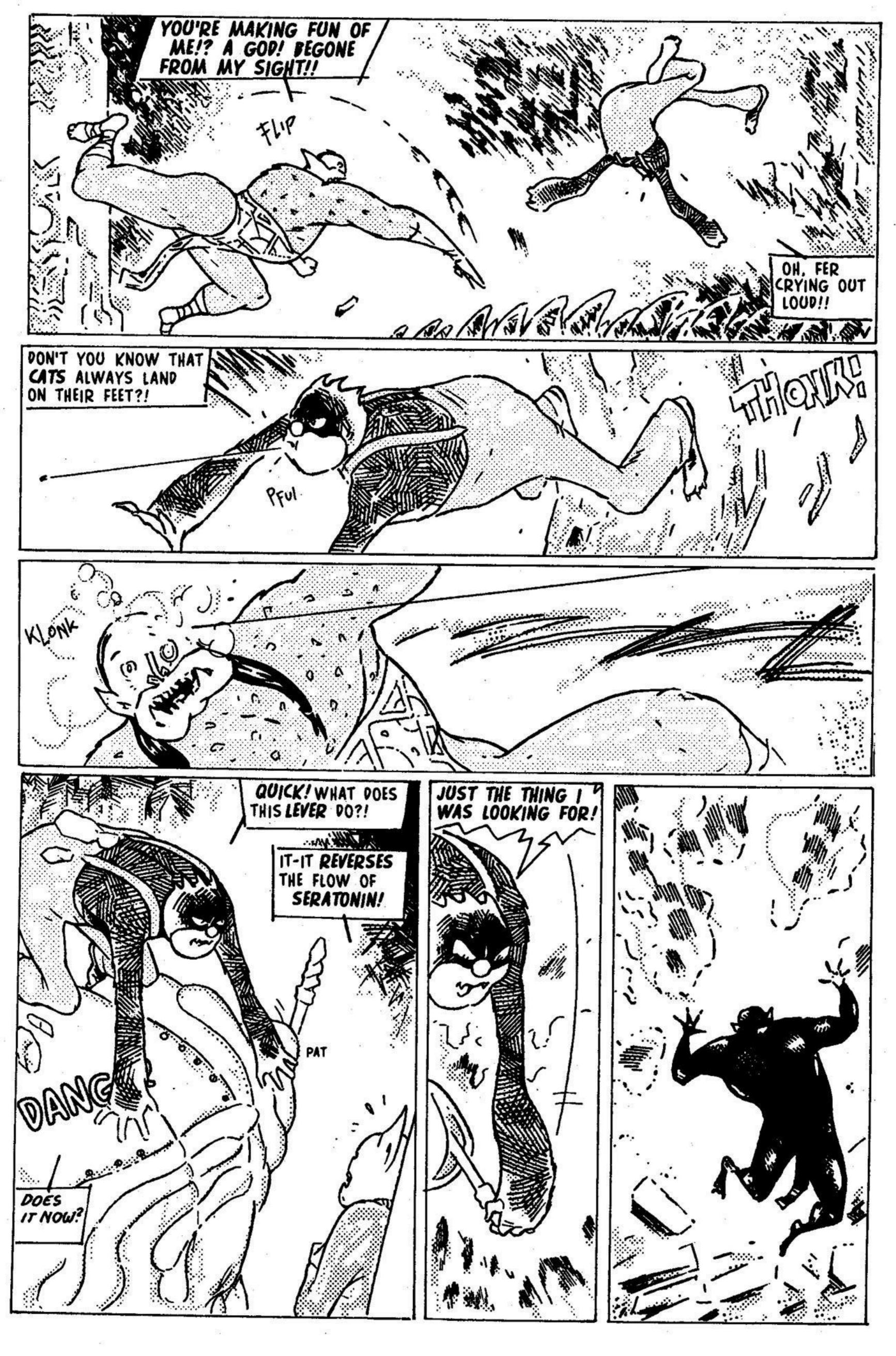


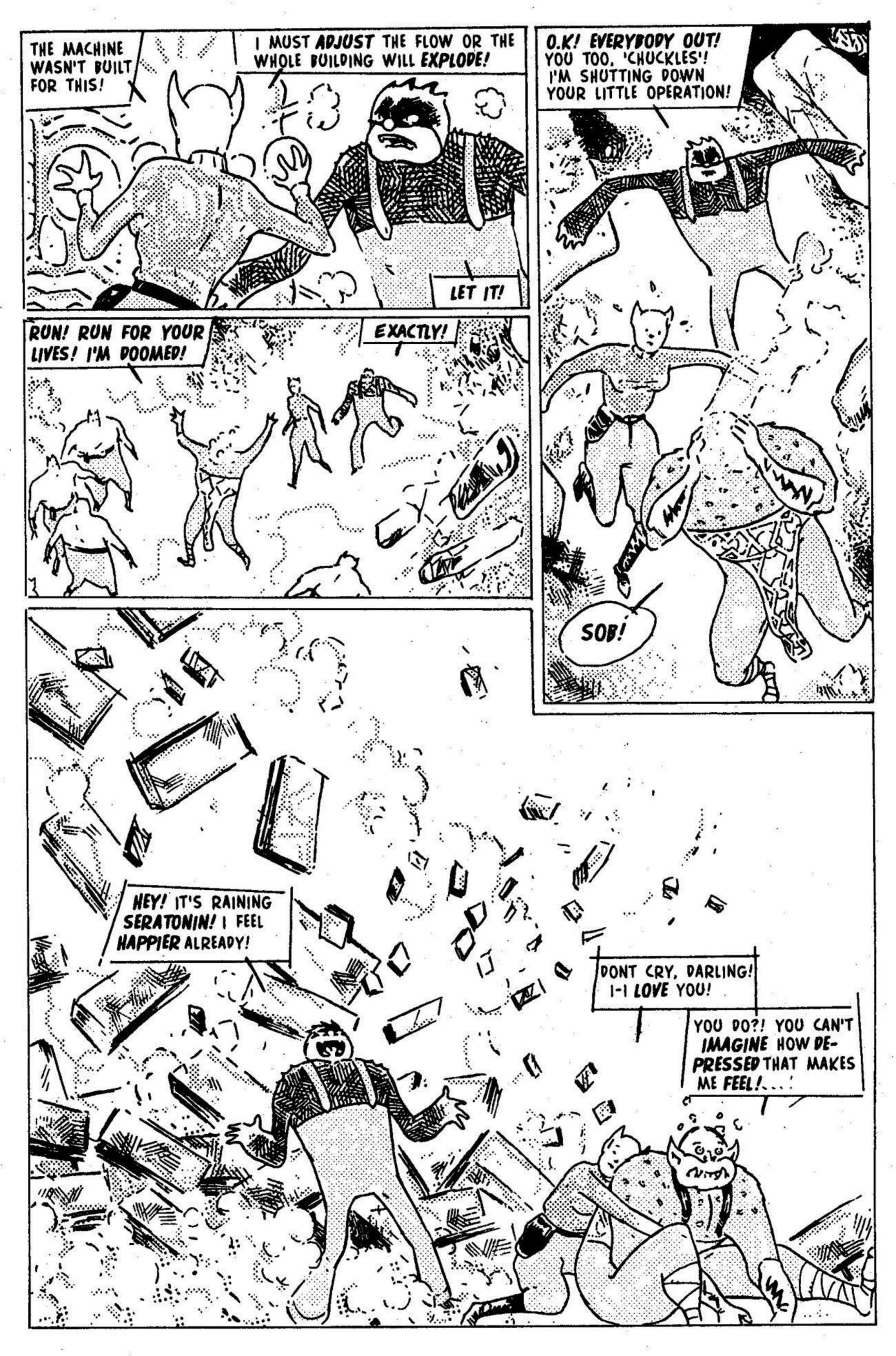


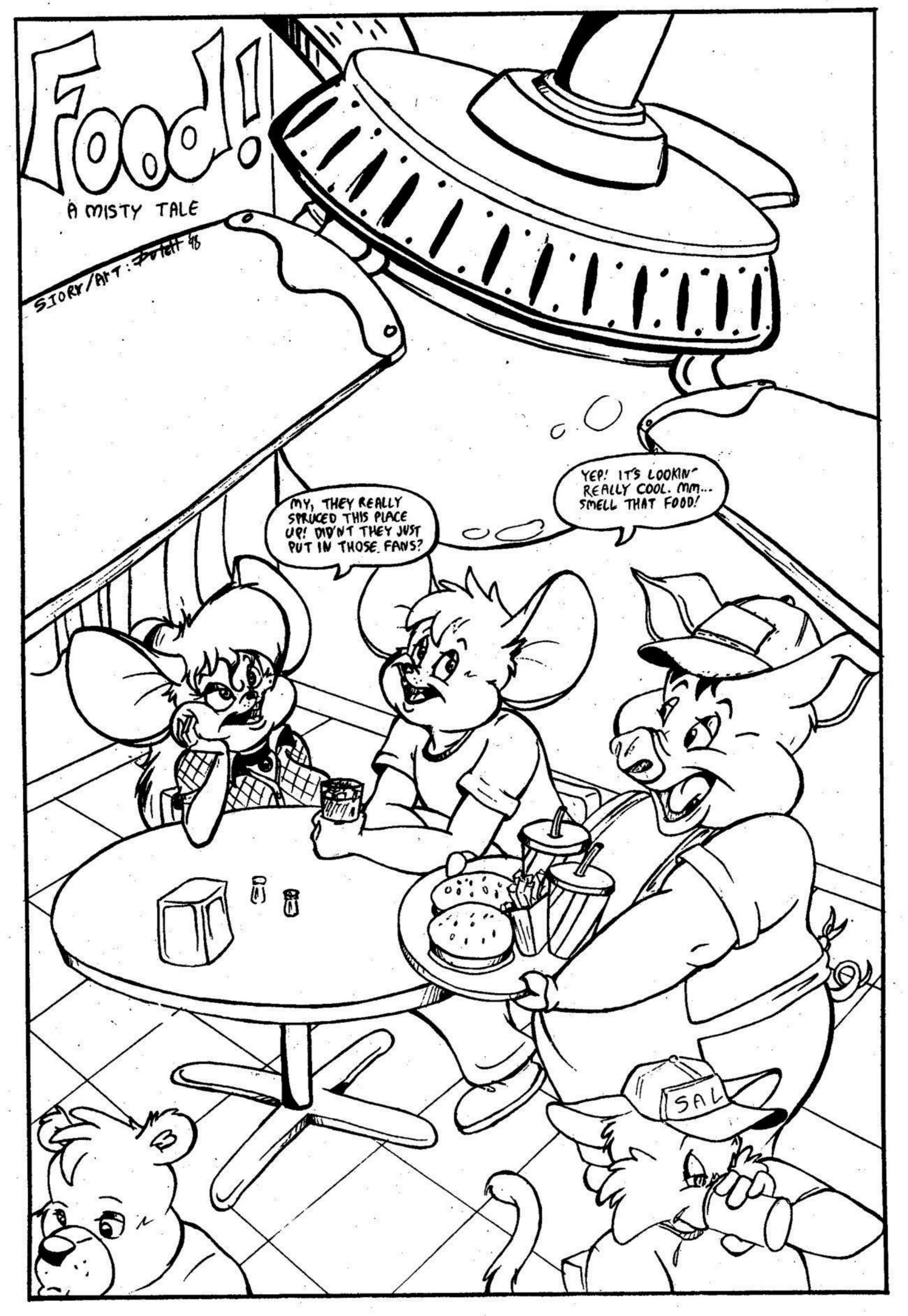




















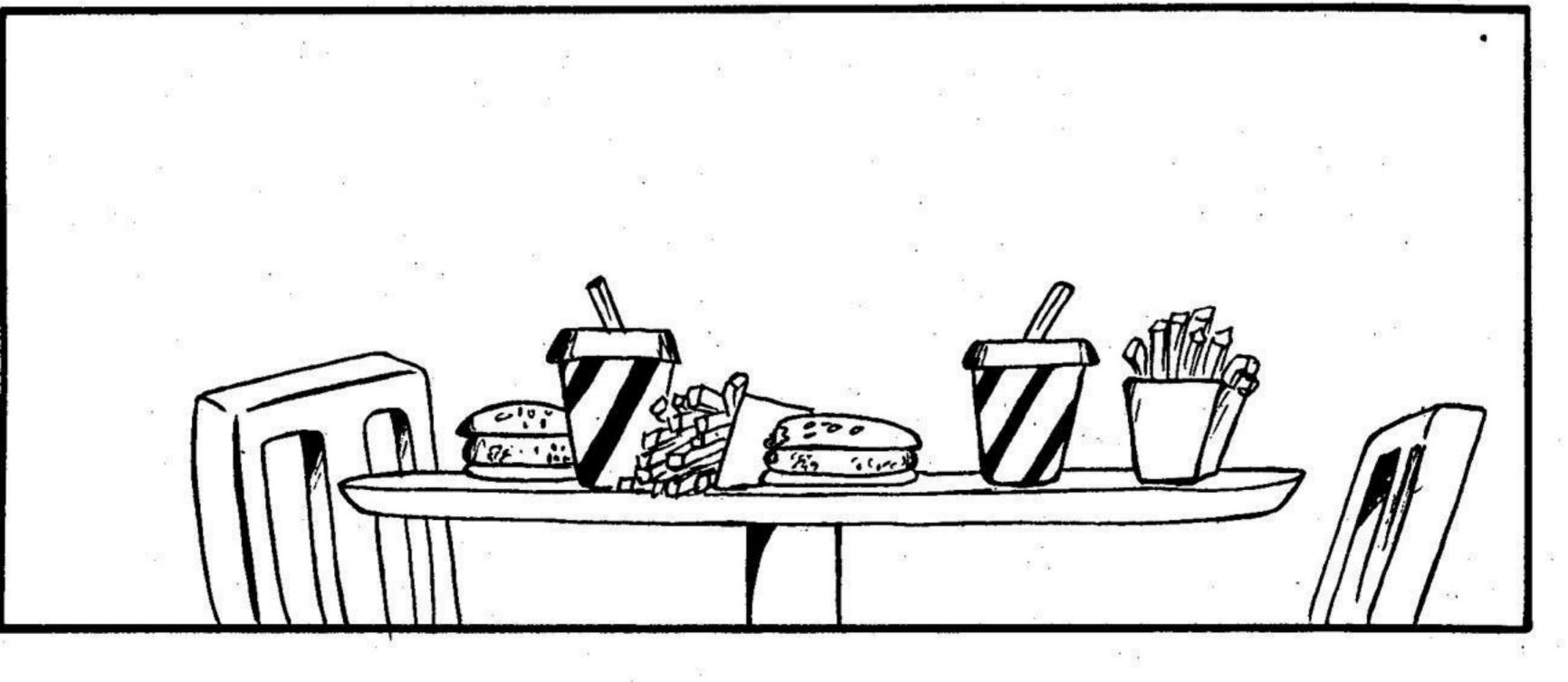














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LETTERS TO FURRLOUGH

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Dear Furrlough:

It's a dismal, rainy day here in New Jersey, and since I have nothing better to do, let's talk a while.

According to issue #72, "Stosstrupp" was knocked out of first place by "Full Knight Gear". I figured "Stosstrupp" wouldn't stay on top for very long- the story is over and once a story is done, readers lose interest (I still like it), but to be replaced by "Full Knight Gear"? Nothing has been heard since issue #65. We're left with one character slain (or at best, mortally wounded), another is blue (literally, not emotionally) and the third held hostage.

If any story was to replace "Stosstrupp" I thought for sure it would be "Heebas". Now there's a story that's off and running, but there are a few things I'd like to get clear.

From what I've read in previous episodes, Reeba wanted to look for her missing brother. I was hoping for a "flashback" episode to see what their relationship was like before he disappeared. Now, however, it seems like she's been sidetracked. Then there's the scene of Reeba with a vicious grin on her face, flicking her tail back and forth. Is that how she channels her new power and makes things happen (levitation, transportation, turning anthropomorphic characters into theriomorphic creatures)? Sounds to me like she might need to have this tail chopped off" too, if it turns out to be a weapon rather than a simple caudal appendage. Of course, while reading issue #71 I had to do a double-take when Marble exclaims, "They're all animals!" Talk about the pot calling the kettle black! That was a witty phrase and I had a good laugh over it.

I know this letter is a little longer than usual, but I had to make mention of a few things and maybe in future issues all my questions will be answered as the stories unfold.

Keep'em coming! Thomas J. Johnson. Carney's Point, NJ

Thanks for writing in, Thomas! (And for being such a loyal subscriber!) "Full Knight Gear" will return to Furrlough eventually- Michael Vega is working on the pages in his spare time, when he's not drawing Morning Glory, inking Gremlin Trouble or teaching comic art classes at his local community college. (Michael is a very busy guy!) Rest assured, as soon as he completes a new chapter, we will run it as soon as we possibly can! In regards to your "Heebas" questions, I'm sure the answers will be revealed as new chapters of the story are finished! I'm rather curious to see what kind of twists Scotty will pull out of his hat myself.--EW

Dear Furrlough:

This one is definitely going to be a little later than most of my letters. Lots been goin' on, a foot of snow with sheets of ice sandwiched in, for example.

I got your celebratory #71 Furrlough in the middle

of January. Sorry to hear of your cat dying, surprised to see my letters used as weapons against fellow readers. Thanks much.

Simple frontispiece; it'd better be militarily

accurate.

Great to see more "Heebas" bouncing around the page. Also interested to see that Arsenault's fooling with furry theory. Does everyone else being pure animal (at the end of the story) mean that the story is being told simply by humans wearing animal masks? Seeing that Marble doesn't seem to make a distinction or link between herself and the observed mammals, perhaps she and Yebbo think themselves completely different. Confrontation of the immortal questions of furry perception are approaching. On the other hand, who could possibly give a damn?

I'm sorry, but even "Heebas" doesn't measure up to the humor of "The Otters" features. For having characters that don't seem to fit quite well in neither furry nor 'toon universes, this stuff is incredibly funny. Let's have more of it. Kudos to Norman Scott.

"Musa Stories"; I thought this gig was going to go somewhere. Quite a lotta build-up to not much climax. Charming children, though. Perhaps Egyptian myths aren't good comics subjects.

Getting tired of "Misty the Mouse"-- stick in the cast of "Clerks" and you've got a standard muddled "clueless"-clone 20-something comedy.

Sorry I can't write more, but I've not much time today. Can't wait to see what's next on the theoretical game table for "Heebas"; Scotty's packing in all sorts of fresh aspects. A hundred votes to "Otters", too.

Next, please! Enzo Sica, State College, PA

The Top Ten List had absolutely no change at all from the last issue of Furrlough! Remember, you can vote as often as you like for any story from the entire run of Furrlough! Send in your votes and be counted!

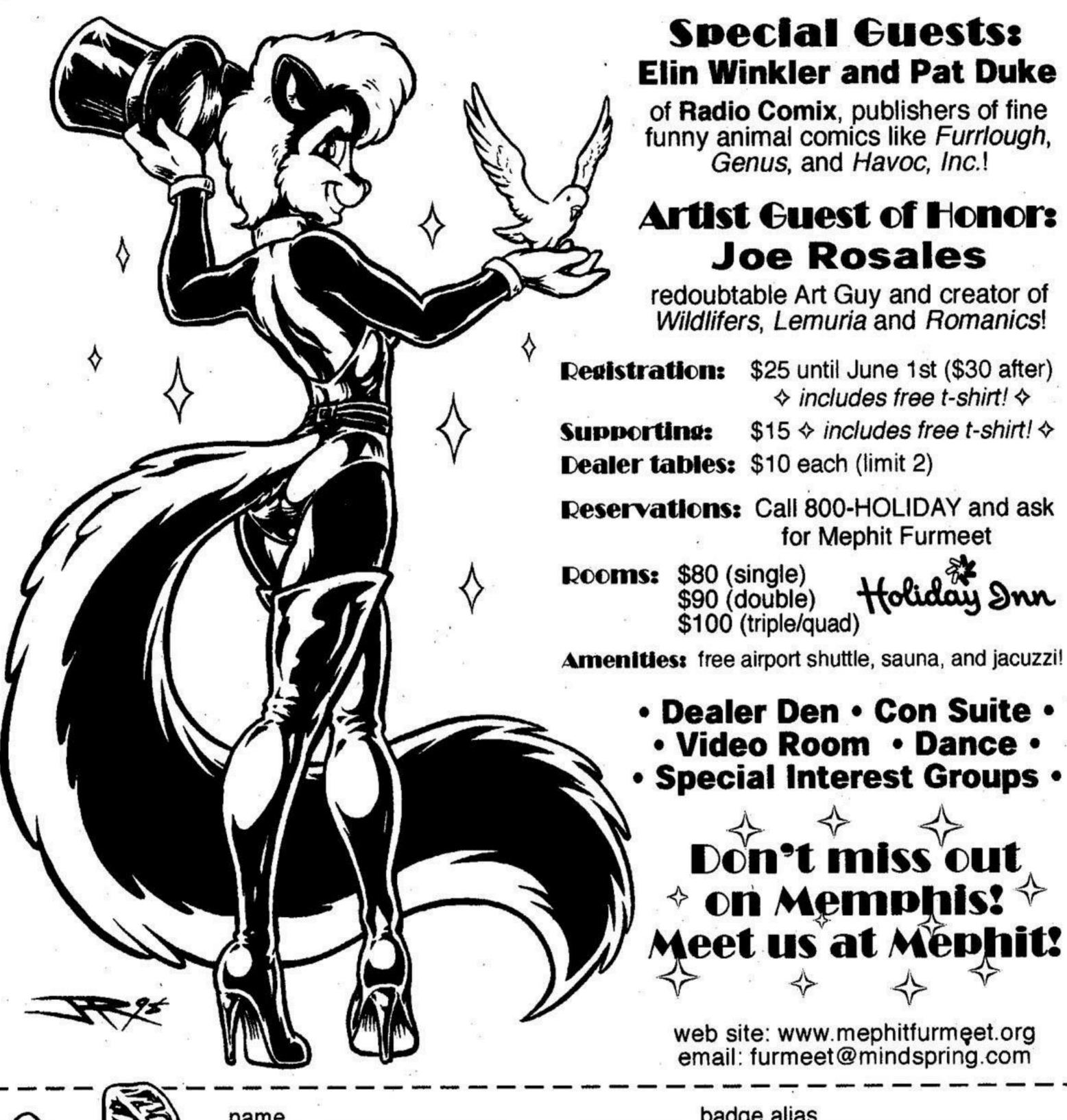
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- 1) HEEBAS by Scotty Arsenault
- 2) FULL KNIGHT GEAR by Michael Vega
- 3) THE OTTERS by Norman Scott
- 4) STOSSTRUPP by Ted Sheppard
- 5) TIGER ORANGE by Kurt Wilcken & Ken Lowe
- 6) NINJARA by Dean Clarrain & Chris Allan
- 7) ZAIBATSU TEARS by Richard Bartrop
- 8) TOBIAS WAH by Kevin I. Muranaka
- 9) MUSA STORIESby Nami Jarrett .
- 10) HERE COMES A CANDLE by Mary Hanson-Roberts

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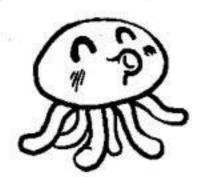




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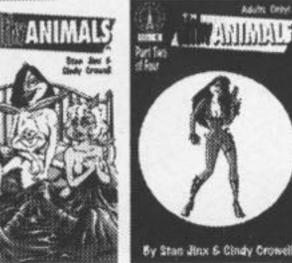
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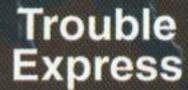
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